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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Curiel *et al.* § ART UNIT: 1633
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FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding §
Pro-Apoptotic Bax Gene and Uses §
Thereof § EXAMINER:
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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 1999, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

~~Sub B~~ 1. [A] ~~An inducible~~ recombinant adenoviral vector
A₁ encoding an pro-apoptotic *bax* gene.